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Mount Diablo briefly wears a blanket of snow while blossoms flourish at its foot.

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Whole Hearted Devotion

Charged with purpose, fired by zeal, and propelled by need they feel, some have given themselves and all they have to the propagation of a doctrine that would do away with all that we hold dear. Captivated by an ideology false in its conception, debasing in its operation, and deadly in its exercise, the followers of godless Communism can teach many a Christian a lesson in devotion. Taking orders that originate with leaders they do not know, they perform their assigned tasks, asking no questions, being blindly blissful in the thought that it must be good for the cause. Charged with a mission, many of them ask no reward but the satisfaction of accomplishment. They are dedicated. A story came out of Pongam Island, Korea, in December, telling of the uprisings of 4,500 Red prisoners, "who roared Communist songs in a glassy-eyed trance heedless of a storm of gunfire."

The Apostle Paul calls all Christians to complete devotion to the cause of Christ: *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."* Rom. 12:1. Christians have the mandate from the Word of God to *"be instant in season and out of season."* 2 Tim. 4:2. And *"to be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh . . . a reason of the hope that is within . . . with meekness and fear."* 1 Peter 3:15.

Anointed from on high, filled with His Spirit, and constrained by the love of God, the devoted Christian accepts his orders from the written Word and from the impulse of the Spirit in his heart. Laying hold of a power unseen by carnal eyes and unapprehended by natural faculties, he can move in the world, often hostile or indifferent to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and be a spreader of the doctrine of His saving grace. By the power of the Spirit, his devotion of service in word of lip and walk of life can show lost men the way of peace with God.

For the gospel's sake, may we be anointed with earnestness, baptized in integrity, and endowed with sincerity, for only God knows how long we have to serve Him with our word and walk.

—M. M.

John Fletcher's Daily Questions

Did I awake spiritual, and was I watchful in keeping my mind from wandering this morning when I was rising?

Have I this day got nearer to God in times of prayer, or have I given way to a lazy, idle spirit?

Has my faith been weakened by unwatchfulness or quickened by diligence this day.

God Honors His Plan for Giving

(The following appeared in the Vallejo Times-Herald, December 15, 1952.)

Abernathy, Tex.—In accordance with the Scriptures, a group of Abernathy farmers brought their tithes into the house of the Lord yesterday.

What they brought filled two wash-tubs with \$14,132.65 in cash and checks—money from the harvest on the land they dedicated to God last spring. Each farmer dedicated one-tenth of his acreage.

The two tubs stood beside two bales of cotton—symbol of the harvest—in the little First Baptist Church of Abernathy this morning.

The church has 500 members. Most of the adult men who go there each Sunday are farmers on the rolling plains around the little town of Abernathy, population 1,692, in West Texas north of Lubbock. They plant cotton, wheat, barley, oats, corn and grain sorghums.

Last spring their pastor, the Rev. C. A. Kennedy, 35, asked them to dedicate one-tenth of their land to God and see what the returns would be. They did, dedicated anywhere from one to 68 acres of their land, in each case one-tenth. The pastor said that the farmers who dedicated their land had 'phenomenal results.'

"There is Albert Hart, with five acres dedicated. He called me to his farm late in the summer to show that all his acreage was bountiful, but on the dedicated land the cotton stood 12 to 13 inches higher than the rest and yielded a bale and three-quarters per acre compared with an average yield of one bale per acre on his other land.

"He asked me why.

"WHY? In Malachi 3:10, it says: 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'

"That is why."

Personal Evangelism

"We are all naturally like the snail. We carry our little world upon our back, and venture out of our shell only to pick up dainty morsels. God puts us in the midst of the unsaved that we may get out of ourselves. He might send His angels to fly in the midst of the heavens and proclaim the everlasting Gospel but what would become of the believer? He would be a dwarf and a cripple. The reflex influence of evangelistic effort upon the Church itself is scarcely less important and valuable than the direct influence upon unsaved souls." —A. T. Pierson

Who's Discouraged?

When Abraham Lincoln was a young man, he ran for the legislature in Illinois and was badly swamped.

He next entered business, failed, and spent seventeen years of his life paying up the debts of a worthless partner.

He was in love with a beautiful woman to whom he became engaged. Then she died.

Entering politics again, he ran for Congress and was badly defeated.

He then tried to get an appointment to the United States Land Office but failed.

He became a candidate for the United States Senate and was badly defeated.

In 1856, he became a candidate for the Vice-Presidency and was again defeated.

One failure after another—bad failures—great setbacks.

In the face of all of this, he eventually became one of the country's greatest men, if not the greatest.

When you think of a series of setbacks like this, doesn't it make you feel small to become discouraged just because you think you are having a hard time in life?

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Now wouldn't the world be a far better place

If folks the world over would right-about-face

And carry within them each day of the year

That peace and good will that would wipe out all fear.

Make all the world better, with each man a brother,

Remembering the precept to love one another.

—LeBaron Sharp

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Believers Everywhere Know and Love . . .

The 23rd Psalm

By Louis E. Weston

One of the most wonderful portions of Scripture that has ever blessed the heart of man is the twenty-third Psalm, which has brought peace and calm to untold numbers of troubled and anxious hearts. Wherever the gospel has been preached, this Psalm has gone as a part of it and has become universally loved. It sounds forth its words of comfort and cheer to all who will listen and become acquainted with the Great Shepherd of whom it speaks.

There are those who are confined to sick rooms; there are others who are lonely; some are crushed with griefs that are seemingly too heavy to bear; some are misunderstood, and life seems empty and futile to them; others are poor and discouraged, feeling that no one loves or cares. In contrast, there are those who are rich in this world's goods. Though it seems fortune has smiled graciously upon them, they listen to strange voices—voices of temptation—and are lured into things that are not convenient, things that are not becoming to the life God would have them live. Possibly some are young and cannot find their way; some are old and tired and way-worn. All have need of the Good Shepherd's care. The Psalmist knew Him and said "*The Lord is MY shepherd.*"

The experience of personally knowing Him has blessed the hearts of many. Some time ago I was called upon to minister to heartbroken parents who had just lost their only child, a beautiful daughter of a year old. Sickness had come and done its work. As we stood at that graveside, where friends and loved ones had gathered, tears flowed freely. Why not? A lot of love and plans and hopes were wrapped up in that little child. What an abrupt change! A few days ago: life, joy, and innocent laughter; but now—stillness. Where is the answer to such a tragedy? There is an answer. God really cares. Those parents found it so. It was wonderful to see hope and strength in their eyes. Though tragedy and grief had come to their home, they had lifted their hearts to the Good Shepherd and found peace and comfort in the very shadows of death. Someone has said, "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal." The Psalmist knew this truth and in the twenty-third Psalm he has given us a gracious heritage of healing for humanity's needs.

I opened the old, old Bible,
And looked at a page of Psalms
Till the wintry sea of my troubles
Was soothed as by summer calms;
For the words that have helped so many,
And the ages have made more dear,
Seemed new in their power to comfort
As they brought me their word of cheer.
(Author Unknown)

What is the source of this confidence that triumphs even in the face of seemingly insurmountable problems? The Psalmist gives the answer: "*The LORD is my shepherd.*" If it were anyone else, we could not have such faith and confidence, but inasmuch as it is the Lord who is our shepherd, we can trust and not be afraid. And Christian realities triumph in the face of life's worst blows. Is it any wonder that multitudes have rejoiced in the comfort given?

If life is a weary drudge, an uncertain quantity, or a painful reality day by day, you may turn to the Good Shepherd, the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and find in Him the joy of salvation. The Scriptures say that He is "touched with the feelings of our infirmities. He is all

this and more. He is the Good Shepherd—who has given His life for the sheep.

Some might think that such things are only in the mind, in the imagination. I have seen this Good Shepherd at work. Some years ago I was in the home of good friends the day their thirteen-year-old boy slipped on to be with Jesus. The Good Shepherd was there. When the children came home from school or wherever they had been and heard about their brother's death, as they gathered at their daddy's knees, around that great armchair in the front room, I saw the Good Shepherd tenderly draw them all to His bosom. There was a heartbroken mother, sweet and wonderful in her sorrow, and a dad whose heart was so full of aching pain, yet so grand and steady as he talked softly to the children gathered around him and pointed them upward—Godward. Then there were the children, strangely awed by the visit of the Grim Reaper, marveling that their brother had gone out praying to be with Jesus. Over and all around them all was the Good Shepherd, His hand of tender compassion upon each one. They knew He understood and cared. There was weeping, but it was soft and mellowed with praise and thankfulness to the One who gives and who takes away. Would someone speak of it as imagination? Oh, no! The Lord IS the Good Shepherd and He does care for His own.

Winning Our Inheritance

by Raymond P. Murray

(Joshua 17:14-18)

Israel had entered the promised land of blessing, and each tribe had been given its share of the land. Not a perfect type of heaven, Canaanland is a better emblem of that state and condition of the soul in which a person is found when he, as a believer, has entered into rest, but not into absolute, perfect deliverance from sin. The believer has taken possession of the covenant heritage, but finds the Canaanite of sin and evil still in the land, both in the form of original sin within and of temptation from without.

Many feel that when they get saved and are baptized in the Holy Ghost the battle is over. But, no, it has just begun. Canaan was a free gift of divine grace. "*And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land.*"—Gen. 12:7. In Leviticus 18, the sins of the Canaanites are named and then God warns: "*Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things . . . the land is defiled; therefore, I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it.*" The reason for the prolonged struggle between the Israelites and the Canaanites is given in

Genesis 15:16—"For the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full." God's conditions for success in their new possession is clearly stated in Deuteronomy 12. Canaanland was given to be cultivated, and the lots were not all equal. Numbers 26:54—"To many thou shalt give the more inheritance, and to few thou shalt give the less inheritance." Manasseh had ten shares; Judah had 29 cities and the villages thereof; Benjamin had 14 cities with the villages; and Joshua had only Timnath-serah.

God gives to some one talent, to some two, and to others five talents—every man according to his several abilities. The Holy Spirit gives severally as He wills in the distribution of gifts. All lots were gifts, yet each was expected to cultivate and improve his inheritance. God repeatedly warned His people against letting down (Ex. 34:10-17). According to Joshua 17:12-13 God's people failed in their task. Adam Clark comments on Verse 12, "They had neither grace nor courage to go against their enemies." The American Translation renders the verses: "*The Manassites, however, were not able to evict the in-*

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habitants of these cities; the Canaanites clung to the habitation of this region, but when the Israelites became strong enough, they made the Canaanites forced laborers; they never completely evicted them."

Despite their failure to obey orders, they complained. Joshua 17:14—"And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people." This is the perennial cry of inequality of inheritance. It is not the cry of poverty for plenty; it is the cry of wealth for more wealth. Many feel their allotment in life is too restricted, their boundaries too confining, their talents too few—according to their own self-inflated, egotistical opinion of themselves. Remember who it was that made this complaint. It came from the Ephraimites, one of the most arrogant and cowardly of all the tribes. Of them we read, *"The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle."* I am great . . . give me, is the attitude of some today. We must concede that the Ephraimites were great. They were of noble parentage, from the lineage of Joseph. But nobility of character is not inherited. They were great numerically (Numbers 26). They were great through the blessings of God. Perhaps the Ephraimites came to Joshua instead of to Eleazar in order to appeal to blood ties. Some look to friends and relatives to do for them what they, with a little work and fight, can do for themselves. Man's greatness must be within, not upon, him. Perhaps as they compared their lot with Manasseh's, they became envious and jealous.

Calvin comments: "The evil of the complaint was that they counted all that was yet to be acquired by war and work as nothing." The promise was theirs, but they wanted it without a fight without struggle, without conflict. Greatness is given not that we might lay claims on another person's inheritance, but that we might render greater service. *"But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant."*

Joshua bid them to work (17:15). Prove your greatness by your work. Let your work speak for your greatness. Caleb asked for his inheritance among the steep cliffs and virgin hillsides. Are we losing that pioneer spirit that has made our country, as well as our Pentecostal movement? Great claims should be sustained by great achievements. Some have not fulfilled God's instruction: *"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."* There is all too little self-discipline. Some make little effort to subdue innate sins, selfishness, temper, sins of the tongue, and many other

One can live above his environment as the doves in Egypt maintain their beauty in the soot . . .

Among the Pots

"Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold." Psalms 68:13.

Any one who can look on the plumage of a dove without seeing the glory of God, is blind to half of His revelations. The rainbow is crude in beauty compared with the delicate, exquisite motting of the feathers of a dove's neck. Her wings are so beautiful that the immortal pictures of Rubens or Raphael, in comparison, appear like the daubs of a tyro. Yet these beautiful doves in the Orient often make their hiding places in unlovely retreats, out of which they spring and spread their wings to be glorified in the benedictions of the sunlight.

The text was a sealed passage for ages. Bishop Lowth declared it "intelligible." In the work on the Psalms, *The Treasury of David*, Charles Spurgeon calls it "a hard passage, a difficult nut to crack." But new light is constantly breaking out of the Scriptures. Miss Whateley, traveling in the East, observed a fact which gives us the lost key to this text, and unlocks its beautiful imagery. In her work entitled *"Ragged Life in Egypt,"* she describes the flat roofs of the houses: "they are usually in a state of great litter; were it not that an occasional clearance is made, they would assuredly give way under the accumula-

things. Past blessings are no immunity from present duties and future labors. It is foolish to complain of our lot before we have made the best use of it. *"The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing, but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat."*

Joshua bid them to warfare (17:18). Our increased inheritance, extending of our boundaries of service, is not to come through fighting among our brethren. Robbing our brethren of their inheritance was the thought of Cain and the thought of Ephraim. We must work and fight against sin in every form. Every sin is a deadly enemy and retards our spiritual progress. Sins of the flesh must be subdued and so must sins of the spirit. Some have not learned to discipline their own human spirits. *"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."*

Most of us labor within a limited area of influence. To enlarge it we must work and fight. We can show greatness, not demands or swelling words of self-esteem, but in work and warfare in the cause of Christ and righteousness.

tion of rubbish. One thing seems never cleared away, however, and that is the heap of old broken pitchers, sherds and pots that are piled up in some corner. A little before sunset, numberless pigeons (or doves) suddenly emerge from behind the pitchers and pots and other rubbish where they have been sleeping in the heat of the day, or pecking about to find food. They dart upward and careen through the air in large circles—their outspread wings catching the glow of the sun's slanting rays, so that they really resemble 'yellow gold'; then, as they wheel round and are seen against the light, they appear as if turned into molten silver, most of them being pure white or else very light colored. This may seem fanciful, but the effect of light in these regions can scarcely be described to those who have not seen it. Evening after evening we watch the circling flight of doves, and always observe the same appearance." *"Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold."*

This beautiful passage is thus illuminated. It is a precious, comforting truth to the children of God. The doctrine unfolded is the promise of God, that a holy character may be maintained in this sinful world, despite unfavorable surroundings. From among the pots, covered with dust and dirt, these beautiful doves rise clean and unsoiled, to soar into the heavens, flashing their wings covered with silver and their feathers glistening like yellow gold.

Many Christians find their lot in life cast amid the dust and grime of the pots, but they need not be soiled thereby. Out of such conditions they may soar unspoiled, on wings of faith gleaming like silver and clothed in beatitudes shining like burnished gold.

Only in the sunlight do the doves shine in this transfiguring beauty. Only in the light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, does the Christian glow with the beauty of holiness.

The Christian may be clean as a dove in business.

No honorable business will grime the soul. The machinist, mechanic, artisan, and laborer may have grimy work to do, but he can be clean as a dove in character. Far better is the laborer's soiled hand, with a clean soul behind it, than the gentleman's clean hand with a soiled soul behind it. Though you have lain among the pots of the shop, store, wharf, foundry, or coal mine, you may have a soul as clean as a dove's silver wing. Your character is not cheapened

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THE SECRET DOOR

Burdened soul, so faint and weary,
Passing through the darkest night,
Know that God is in the darkness
Just as much as in the light.

It may be this very darkness
Is a hidden, secret door
To a place of light and gladness
You have never known before.

God's strange ways may seem mysterious
To a heart bowed down with pain.
Joy has fled? Fear not, take courage—
It will surely come again.

Place your hand in God's, my brother;
Trust in Him, whate'er betide.
He will lead you through this tunnel
Safely to the other side.

—Elizabeth Bertenshaw

because your work is in the kitchen or at the forge, nor is it ennobled because you handle diamonds, write poems, thrill breathless auditors, or sit behind mahogany office desks. There are men in coal mines with souls like the wings of a dove; and there are men in decorated mansions with souls sooty and black with sin as the miner's face with coaldust. One has the soot on his face, the other on his soul. How beautiful a sight to see a man who has spent the day amid the pots of business, environed by the dust and grime of greed, of selfishness, of fraud and falsehood, fly home at sunset unsoiled and clean as the wings of a dove covered with silver!

The Christian must be clean as a dove in social life.

Man has needs which only social life can meet. In this there is a great good, and great evils lie close beside it. "Society" is not loyal to Christ, but is obedient to the spirit of the world. Its ethical code is not the morals of the New Testament. Here are the pots dusty and grimy. We may mingle in social life only on the plane of our Christian birthright: "*Brethren, ye are called unto holiness.*" To mingle in society and not touch its wines, not patronize its demoralizing amusements, not bow down to its false maxims, customs and conventionalities, not lose the zest and fervor of a holy life, is proof of the constraining love of Christ. But no one can touch pitch without being defiled, nor take fire into his bosom without being burned.

To join in social life and yet be clean as a dove's wing is not only a possibility but a privilege; not only a duty but a beauty. Demanding watchfulness, firmness, self-denial, nevertheless it has its reward in robust Christian character. The one thing we may not do is to compromise the highest moral tone of conduct. Better be a holy hermit than a social leper.

Clean as a dove in religious life.

Perhaps no other passage of Scripture

more impressively teaches the privilege of a holy life under the most unfavorable conditions. Surrounded by defilement, yet ever clean; rising out of unfavorable circumstances, with graces of silver and virtues of yellow gold, we shall glorify the grace of God. The sweetest promises of the Bible are full of paradoxes. "*He that loseth his life shall find it.*" "*When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee, and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burnt, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*" "*A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee.*"

The things impossible with men are possible with God. The thing impossible to the unregenerate are possible to the regenerate man. Born again by the Spirit or God, and filled with divine grace, he can do all things through Christ that strengtheneth him. If the lines fall to him among the pots, still he may emerge "*as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.*"

This does not cover presumption and reckless precipitation of one's self into moral dangers. Had Daniel been recklessly roaming around that lion's den, and fallen in, God would not have sent an angel to shut their mouths. We must use all prudence to avoid evil influences: then, if our path of duty lies through a fiery furnace, God will keep us from all harm.

A true Christian shrinks from unnecessary exposure to evil and moral danger. Then in his hour of need he can trust God to deliver him. The dove is a clean bird. Its instincts are clean. It hates defilement. It keeps its plumage anointed with an "unction" that preserves it from impurity. It loves, and lives for, cleanness. God is able to anoint us with an unction of the Holy One, so as to preserve us in holiness before Him. Many fail because their faith does not grasp His almighty grace. We lack faith because our consecration is not entire, nor our obedience unqualified. External rules and aids will do little for us until we are made right within. You cannot make a ship sail steadily by external supports, but you must put the ballast inside. God has provided grace to ballast our souls for a safe voyage. He is able to keep what we have committed to Him. Life may be rugged, trials sharp, difficulties manifold, burdens heavy; and circumstance unfriendly; but, united to Christ we may be more than conquerors.

—J. P. Peck, *Homiletic Monthly*.

Tell God

Tell God all that is in your heart, as one unloads one's heart, its pleasures and its pains, to a dear friend. Tell Him

PRAISE AT MIDNIGHT

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's bands were loosened."—Acts 16:25, 26.

The darkness still is deep'ning,
O tried and weary heart,
No rift of morning brightness
Bids midnight gloom depart;
The prison walls surround thee,
No human help is nigh,
But blest is the assurance
Thy Saviour reigns on high.

When shadowed in the darkness,
And pressed by every foe,
Then let your gladdest carols
And sweetest anthems flow;
The praise so sweet to Jesus,
The "sacrifice of praise,"
Is when no earthly sunshine
Pours forth its cheering rays.

'Tis then your song is wafted
All human heights above,
And mingles with the angels'
In realms of perfect love;
'Tis then the God of glory
Makes Satan fear and flee,
And sends a mighty earthquake
To set His ransomed free.

'Tis easy when the morning
Appears at last to view
To praise thy strong Redeemer
Who burst the bondage through,
But 'tis the praise at midnight
That gives the foe alarm,
That glorifies thy Saviour,
And bares His strong right arm.

A conqueror thou wouldst be?
Yea, more than conqueror thou,
If thou wilt shout in triumph
And claim the victory now;
The prison doors will open,
The dungeon gleam with light,
And sin-chained souls around thee
Shall see Jehovah's might.

—Carrie Judd Montgomery

your troubles, that He may comfort you; tell Him your joys, that He may sober them; tell Him your longings, that He may purify them; tell Him your dislikes, that He may help you to conquer them; talk to Him of your temptations, that He may shield you from them; show Him the wounds of your heart, that He may heal them; lay bare your indifference to good, your depraved tastes for evil, your instability. Tell Him how self-love makes you unjust to others, how vanity tempts you to be insincere, how pride disguises you to yourself as to others. If you thus pour out all your weaknesses, needs, troubles, there will be no lack of what to say, you will never exhaust the subject. It is continually being renewed.—*Fenelon*.

Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Says Religion Can Help Win

President Eisenhower has said America will win "the ideological war" against Communism if her people never forget the fundamentals of religion. Addressing the annual meeting of the Freedom Foundation in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, the then President-elect stated that the nation's leadership must never be based on materialism, that the country must be strong so that "no false theory such as Communism" will be able to make any headway.

Robot Recognized Spoken Numbers

An electronic robot named Aubrey that can recognize spoken numbers and flash them on a lighted panel has been developed by Bell Telephone Laboratories. It is a step toward a long-held dream of scientists—a machine to translate the human voice directly into the printed word. Aubrey might be termed only a kindergarten beginner in relation to that goal, but is regarded as a significant scientific achievement. The device, as now rigged up, flashes the proper colored light to show which number it has just heard through an ordinary telephone hand set. But it could equally well be connected to print the number or operate a dial mechanism. Thus you might tell Aubrey what number you wanted to call, and Aubrey would dial it for you—although the time is far off before you are apt to get that kind of service on your home telephone. It appears science is gradually developing a resemblance to the image of Revelation.

Let the Robot Do It

There is a robot to be produced with a sense of touch to dismantle an unexploded bomb, clear up radioactive debris, or do other dangerous jobs, according to the magazine *Nucleonics*. It will have radio-controlled manipulating arms, doing what human arms and hands could do, and also transmitting back to the human operator the "feel" of the work being done. It would also have a binocular television camera so the human operator, from a safe distance, would have a three-dimensional view of the work being done.

Bibles by Jet

It was King George V who referred to the Bible as "the richest treasure which this earth affords." Britain has had the great privilege and responsibility of printing and broadcasting copies of the Scripture in many hundreds of different languages. It is announced that the first 100,000 copies of the Bible in Swahili, the language of a vast area of East Central Africa, left in September. Appropriately enough they were flown

to Entebbe, Uganda, by Comet jet airliner. Thus the old yet ever new glad tidings go speeding on their way by this fastest of all transport to a people who eagerly await copies of God's Word in their own language.

America Should Be Alarmed

The deplorable conditions brought about in the country by over indulgence in intoxicants are alarming to all decent citizens. The repulsive sights witnessed in every jail drunk tank cannot be duplicated anywhere else in the world. Why should the taxpayers pay for housing drunks? All good Americans gladly would pay taxes and more taxes to do something about the cause which is eating the heart out of a professing Christian nation. Has liquor ever done anything but tear down the moral fiber of our democracy? Does liquor make good citizens? What influence does it have on our leaders of tomorrow? It is God who gives freedom from sin. Man gives freedom to sin.

(From a clipping in *Sacramento Bee*)

Narcotics in Our State

The spread of narcotics use in California was described by the State Board of Corrections recently as one of the "most vicious and menacing" problems confronting law enforcement officials. The indictment is contained in a report prepared by the board's special committee on narcotics and submitted to Governor Earl Warren. It declares that California is becoming the drug center of the United States. It was told by Ernest M. Gentry, district supervisor of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, that more heroin is being seized in Northern California than in any other part of the country. "No phase of delinquency is more tragic than that of the young drug addict," the report states. Because of addiction, and in order to obtain drugs, boys are driven to theft and pillage; girls to blackmail and vice.

Restate Belief in Church, State Separation

Leaders of 30 Protestant churches have reaffirmed the traditional separation of church and state, but asked their 35,000,000 members to live by Christian principles and halt a drift of American government from religious tenets. They called for more religious education in schools and colleges, but said parochial schools should receive no Government aid. They demanded a halt to religious and racial discrimination, and encouraged church members to seek political office as a way to halt corruption.

Largest Budget for American Bible Society

The 1953 budget for the American Bible Society will total \$3,166,000, the largest in its history, it was announced recently by Dr. Eric North, general secretary. The budget was voted by the Society's advisory council at its annual meeting in New York where 46 of the 51 major Protestant denominations which support the Society's work were represented.

The Society, founded 136 years ago, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment. It also translates, distributes and encourages the use of Bibles. Increased distribution among the armed forces of this country and United Nations' servicemen in Korea was the principal reason for the larger budget, Dr. North explained.

At the same time, the council urged the chiefs of chaplains to recommend the continuance of distribution of Scriptures made possible by church gifts rather than by any plan to supply Scriptures with government funds.

Pointing out the importance of the continued distribution of free Scriptures through chaplains the council declared that the Bible is a "Vital link" between the church at home and the serviceman or woman at the front or in the hospitals. "The American Bible Society is the official agent of the Protestant churches of America and we respectfully request that all Scripture requests from chaplains be sent to the American Bible Society," the council declared.

Other actions included: Commending the Society for printing Bibles, Testaments and Gospels in the new Russian orthography and seeking avenues of distribution; affirmed its confidence that the Society is "using every practical means to get Russian Scriptures to Russian-speaking people."

THE LORD OF HARVEST

Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise.
With joyful hearts and voices
Your hallelujahs raise.
By Him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move.
Sing to the Lord of Harvest
A song of grateful love.
Heap on His sacred altar
The gifts His goodness gave.
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls He died to save
Your hearts lay down before Him
When at His feet ye fall,
And with your lives adore Him,
Who gave His life for all.

—Selected

It is the cause and not the death that makes the martyr.

The District Council

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These Committees Will Serve At the District Council

(The Credentials Committee and the Reading Course Committee will meet with applicants February 23 and 24 in the Full Gospel Temple, Richmond.)

Credentials Committee

L. R. Keys, chairman; all the General and District Presbyters.

Camp Committee

E. O. Robeck, chairman; H. D. Byram, Enoch Christoffersen, Jack Errington, R. P. Murray, L. E. Weston.

Home Missions Committee

C. E. Persing, chairman; C. L. Elmes, E. W. Knutson, L. H. Rogers.

Glad Tidings Bible Institute Committee

W. T. Gaston, chairman; Atwood Foster, Robert Carrington, J. L. Gerhart, L. R. Keys, C. E. Persing, E. O. Robeck, R. A. Wilson.

Reading Course Committee

T. A. Kessel, chairman; O. J. Painter, K. C. Prinzing, W. T. Scott, H. C. Warwick.

Sunday School Advisory Committee

L. R. Anderson, J. R. Edgar, J. L. Gerhart, W. C. Jones.

Resolutions Committee

E. W. Knutson, chairman; L. R. Anderson, O. L. Foth, J. F. Green, C. A. Henson, L. H. Rogers, Otto Schmidt.

Program Committee

Thomas G. Sutton, chairman; E. Wm. Anderson, W. M. Austin, T. J. Cusstock, W. P. Steelberg.

Roster Committee

T. L. Mendenhall, chairman; K. R. Carney, T. Kermit Jeffrey.

Tellers Committee

A. H. Persing, chairman; E. Z. Lawrence, E. G. Skultety, M. W. Steward, W. O. Vickery, M. M. York.

Ministers' Benefit Association

Our General Treasurer, Brother W. A. Brown of Springfield, Missouri, has sent out a brochure with a letter of explanation and an application blank relative to the Assemblies of God Ministers' Benefit Association which was adopted at the General Council in Atlanta, Georgia. The gist of it is that to become a member one should send in three per cent of his salary each month with a like amount contributed by the church he pastors. It is recommended that not less than three percent be contributed by the church with up to six per cent allowable. This, plus the interest earnings, is credited to the minister's account and is payable at 65 years of age, for life or over a selected period of 10 or 20 years.

We understand there has been a hearty response by the churches in some districts already and it is anticipated all will cooperate in this monthly plan.

Provisions have been made for evangelists, as well as pastors, to participate. A schedule showing monthly benefits at the age of 65 is in the back of the brochure. The brochure and Brother Brown's letter should be read by each pastor to his congregation and serious thought given for immediate action. The sooner one becomes a member, thus acquiring more years of membership, the larger will be the monthly benefit at retirement age of 65. One can choose the age of 70 for retirement if desired.

Our District Council last year went on record as endorsing this plan and recommending it to our churches. I will be glad to counsel with any of the ministers over this plan and assist in presenting it to the church if it is so desired.

—R. J. THURMOND.

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A Prayer

O God, may the life I offer Thee be an acceptable sacrifice in Thy most holy sight. Make me a true athlete of Jesus Christ, to suffer and to conquer. An anvil, Lord — let me be an anvil, smitten but standing firm. Amen. —Polycarp

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

FEBRUARY

2 — McKinleyville, Oakland
(108th Ave.), Stockton (Calvary)

9 — Boonville, Lafayette, Morgan Hill

16 — Anderson

17 — Yreka

MARCH

2 — Richmond, Rio Dell

9 — Walnut Creek, Willits

17 — Mount Shasta, Petaluma

23 — Corning

A Missionary Appeal

A recent appeal from W. W. Simpson, our beloved veteran missionary to China, brings to our attention a fine young lady who was saved under his ministry in China, who is now in the United States for training as a nurse and who wishes training in a Bible School before returning to China. We, here at Glad Tidings Bible Institute, would love to take students such as this fine young lady . . . as well as others recommended to us by other missionaries now and then . . . and even sons and daughters of missionaries occasionally who have no means to support them through Bible School. . . . BUT we have no funds for such a service. Would you like to subscribe to the support of a worthy foreign student, or the son or daughter of a missionary? \$600 would pay all expenses for a student for one year at GTBI. A friend in Los Angeles is paying the way for a converted young Arab coming to us from Lebanon, in old Syria. Would YOU like to set up such a scholarship . . . in whole or in part??? Address: T. A. Kessel, President, Glad Tidings Bible Institute, Santa Cruz.

DISTRICT COUNCIL — February 25, 26, 27 — RICHMOND, CALIF.

This 35th convention in our District will be a very important one. All ministers and delegates should plan to attend from the opening rally Tuesday evening on through Friday. (See back page.)

Let us live every day . . .

Our Best for Christ

by Leslie A. Lewis,
(Pastor of the Tuolumne Assembly)

God has appointed a time in 1953 for many things to cease, perhaps even for C.A.'s who read this article, a time for their last song to be sung, a time for their last prayer to be prayed, and a time for their last words to be spoken. In 1952 many persons stood beside the beds of loved ones and heard the last words fall from their lips as they passed into eternity. In some cases just a few words at the last moment changed a life that was condemned by sin, to a life redeemed by Christ's precious blood. But one cannot be sure of finding Christ on his death bed. Neither can we say I am young and have much time ahead of me to prepare for eternity. Within a week apart I stood beside the casket of a 63-year-old man and that of a six-month-old baby. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." God hath appointed a time, and which of us knows when our time is? "Behold now is the accepted time: behold now is the day of salvation."

Jesus made His last appeal to the Jews when He entered Jerusalem after preaching three years in their synagogues. Noah gave his last message just before God shut the door of the ark. Belshazzar heard his last warning just before the Medes and Persians slew him. Just before the ending of the Book of Revelation, John records God's last invitation. He has been dealing with man for the last 6,000 years, so far as we know, and God alone knows when His great mercy will cease.

The last invitation is three-fold. Revelation 22:17—"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." The Holy Spirit has been dealing with men for years. The church likewise has been calling men to repentance. This is its mission (Mark 16:15). Every sermon we preach and every thought we think should be as if it were the last. Jesus stood in the temple and cried, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink"—(John 7:37).

This last invitation is universal. Whosoever means every man, woman, girl or boy who will come. This is pictured very vividly in the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus said, "If thou

knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink: thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." Young people, today we must take advantage of these waters while they are still available. The supply is not limited, but the time in which to obtain them is. May procrastination not cause you to be found without your portion of the water of life, which is the only means to the present and future hope in Christ.

Not only is this passage in Revelation 22 the last and final invitation, but it means final separation from Him to those who reject and fail to keep the words of God's Book. May God help us not only to accept the invitation, but also to keep near to our heart the words of the Bible. Notice the illustration of Matthew 22:11-14. The man accepted the invitation to the wedding, but he failed to come prepared and was cast out. "Many are called, but few are chosen."

Are you satisfied with your present state in Christ? Or would you like to reach higher heights this year in Him? To do this means to find Christ nearer than ever before. Seeking Christ in prayer and the reading of His precious Word, taking it unto one's self, will fill the heart with more love for the Master and give one a greater compassion for souls.

Jesus said, in John 9:4—"I must work the work of Him that sent me, while it is yet day: the night cometh, when no man can work." Paul said, "For me to live is Christ." The sun may set for us this year of '53; so let us live as never before, drawing near unto God and pointing souls to Calvary that they too might rejoice in this great salvation.

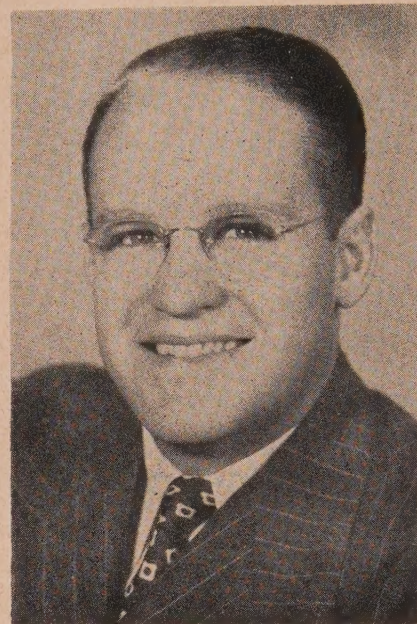
If you would have a call to big tasks be faithful in the performance of little ones. ☆ ☆ ☆

He who provides for this life, but takes no thought for eternity is wise for a moment, but a fool forever. ☆ ☆ ☆

Nothing is a failure which is done in obedience to the command of God. ☆ ☆ ☆

It is a great mistake for the young people to despise what the old have learned by experience. ☆ ☆ ☆

Failure in prayer is due to fault in the heart.



RICHARD C. FULMER, who has just completed four years of service as District president, has been called to national headquarters to become promotional director of the C. A. Department. The Fulmers moved to Springfield, Missouri, early in January.

C. A. Presidents, Let's Get Acquainted

Please send me a picture of yourself, along with your name and address. Just as soon as we have a sufficient number of photographs, we will put them on these pages.

I am sure that many presidents have ideas that could be a blessing to other young people. Send these ideas to me, please, so I can pass them along. We are happy for the splendid work that is being done by the local groups, and we want to get acquainted with the leaders of each group.

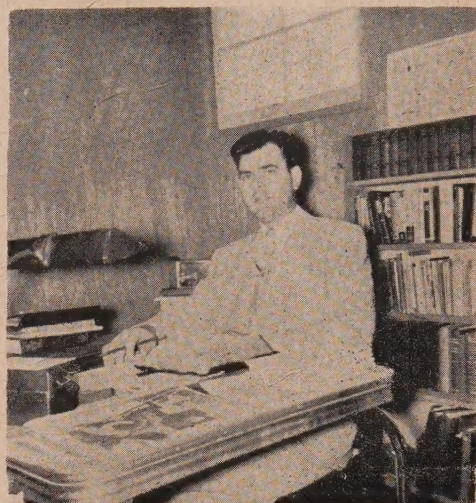
The challenge to use whatever talent God has given us is ever before us. There is a crying need for Ambassadors who will be spent unselfishly to herald the words of life to a dying world. I am sure that we can all say with the Apostle Paul, "knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep. . . . The night is far spent, the day is at hand. . . . Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof." The night of sin truly is all around us, and the opportunity to win souls was never better. The need for Christ's Ambassadors was never greater. Recruits for the great army of our Lord are being called. Let us enlist on our Lord's side now.—RAY LOCKWOOD.

The Way of Christian victory is by these . . .

Four "F's"

By Eugene Lawrence

(Pastor of the Monte Vista Assembly in
Cupertino)



EUGENE LAWRENCE, pastor of the church in the Monte Vista section of Cupertino, in his study.

Joshua 1:9—"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

This command was given to Joshua. Yet how well this same message fits the Christian youth of our land today who are being tempted by every evil device the devil can muster to bring them under his power.

As Daniel of old, we must purpose in our heart that we will not defile ourselves with the world. I Cor. 6:19, 20—"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." We are all subject to temptation, and many have gone down under the weight of temptation's pressure and have gone back to this evil present world, trying to find a little pleasure because they failed to take the time to be strong in God.

Isaiah 40:30, 31—"Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." We are living in a busy age, where there is time only for a little Sunday religion, an outward veneer; an age of hypocrisy, with no time to wait on God and be strong in the things of God.

The first point of this message is FLEE, which means to run away from, shun, avoid. In Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* Evangelist warned Christian to flee from the wrath to come. God has warned us to flee from temptation. We read in the Bible that David yielded to temptation, the results of which caused him many heartaches for his sin. Each of us has our own personal weakness in temptation. Some are tempted by money; others are tempted to yield to the things of the world in order to be popular with their friends. I Tim. 6:9-10—"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some

coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." If we will permit it, the enemy of our souls will use the things of this present evil world to steal our hope, joy and sweet communion with God. We must keep filled with His power to stand the test.

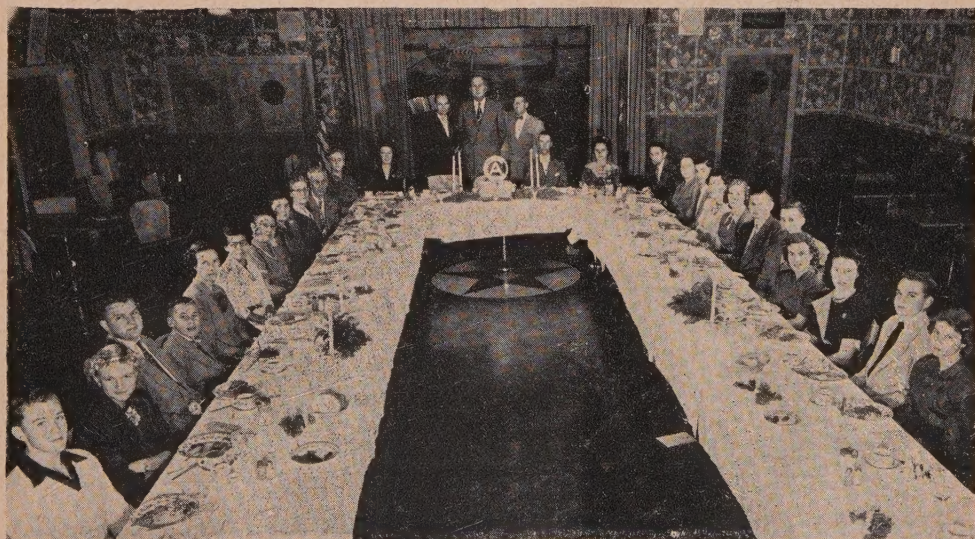
FOLLOW means to move or act under the leadership, control or authority of; to regulate one's conduct by. So it is not enough to resist the devil, we must follow after something. 2 Tim. 2:22—"Flee also youthful lusts but follow after righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." To follow Jesus, we must deny ourselves many things. He did not promise that life would always be full of sunshine. Paul said to endure hardness as a good soldier. Moses chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt." Matthew 16:24—"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

FIGHT means to strive, to attain an object in spite of difficulties or opposition. I Tim. 6:12—"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before any witness." He that endures to the end shall be saved. We read of Joshua, the mighty

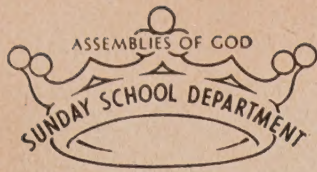
soldier who came from the battles of Jericho, Gibeah and Ai—even the sun and moon stood still while he fought some of his battles—that he continued to fight to the very end of his life. His last word was against sin and idolatry.

FINISH means to complete or bring to an end. 2 Tim. 4:7—"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Jesus said, in Luke 14:28—"Which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?"

Christ's Ambassadors, have you given yourself fully into God's hands? Do you have sufficient oil in your lamps to take you through the hard places. Peter thought he was sufficient in himself, but he failed and denied his Lord before he was filled with the Holy Spirit. The command is still "Be strong and of a good courage."



MADERA C. A.'s HAVE ANNUAL BANQUET. Standing at head of table are Ted Grider, the group's former president, Pastor Gobel Lawrence, and Ray Lockwood.



L. W. SUTER
District Sunday
School Director

Regional Sunday School Conventions

Three evening speakers have been selected for the six Regional Sunday School Conventions to be held in Fort Worth, Texas, February 17-19; FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, MARCH 3-5; Portland, Oregon, March 17-19; Cleveland, Ohio, March 31-April 2; Mobile, Alabama, April 28-30; and Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 20-22. They are J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent, Paul Copeland, National Sunday School Director, and Victor Trimmer, National Sunday School Representative.

J. O. Savell, newly elected Assistant General Superintendent, is featured on each Wednesday evening program for the six conventions. Nearly forty years of experience in giving out the Pentecostal message fills his preaching with a practical and spiritual quality that has won audiences in camp meetings and evangelistic campaigns.

National Sunday School Director, Paul Copeland, brings the kick-off messages for the Northwest convention at Portland and the Northcentral convention at Minneapolis and the climaxing sermons for the other four conventions. At the recent National Sunday School Association convention in Portland, Brother Copeland gave the opening address on the topic, "The Answer to Communism . . . the Sunday School." He is a board member of the National Sunday School Association which is a branch of the National Association of Evangelicals, an

interdenominational organization of evangelical churches. Early last summer he and Brother Gayle Lewis, General Superintendent, toured Europe on behalf of the Sunday school cause.

While serving as the Sunday school and youth director for the Oregon District, Victor Trimmer directed the first state Sunday school convention ever held in that district. At the Tenth National Sunday School Convention last year, he was one of the featured evening speakers. Since becoming a National Sunday School Representative in July, 1950, Brother Trimmer has conducted rallies and services speaking in camp meetings, in local churches, and for Workers' Training Courses all over the nation giving emphasis to the Sunday school ministry. The opening messages in the Southcentral convention at Fort Worth, the Southwest convention at Fresno, the Northeast convention at Cleveland, and the Southeast convention at Mobile will be delivered by Brother Trimmer. At the Northcentral convention he will preach the final service.

In addition to these speakers, a convention team consisting of fifteen workers will be present at each convention. Among them will be the National Sunday School Representatives, Associate Editor of OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNSELLOR, the editor of the SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSISTANT, and key members of the Workers' Training,

Great S. S. Displays Will Be Brought Close

Twenty thousand Sunday School leaders and workers are expected to attend the six Regional Sunday School Conventions of the Assemblies of God scheduled to be held this spring. The convention for our region will be held in Memorial Auditorium, in Fresno on March 3, 4, 5, 1953. Theme for all the conventions is "Sunday Schools—Advance." Each of the three evening messages and three visual demonstrations is designed to present a different phase of advancement! first, advance in spirituality; second, in evangelism; third, in growth.

Top field workers, child evangelism experts, workers' training specialists, editors and writers in Sunday School publications, and Sunday School evangelists have been engaged to make up a convention team to participate in all six conventions. They will act as speakers and counsellors in the morning sessions, will teach the sixteen afternoon departmental group conferences and workshops, and will counsel in the exhibit rooms which will feature actual demonstrations of techniques in teaching, displaying teaching helps, literature and other Sunday School materials.

Van type trucks will carry properties for exhibits and visual demonstrations. A bookstore will travel to each convention with displays of Sunday School materials and Christian literature.

You may obtain registration cards and housing cards from your District Sunday School Director. Contact him today.

Child Evangelism, and Publicity Divisions of the National Sunday School Department. Ernest and Clynelle Aldridge, Sunday school evangelists, will join the team for the conventions.

In 1953 by having six regional conventions instead of one national convention, it is expected that more Sunday school workers than ever before will be able to attend the instructive sessions of the conventions. Already the second fastest growing Sunday school movement in the United States, the Assemblies of God has set this theme for the regional Sunday school conventions, "Sunday Schools—Advance!"

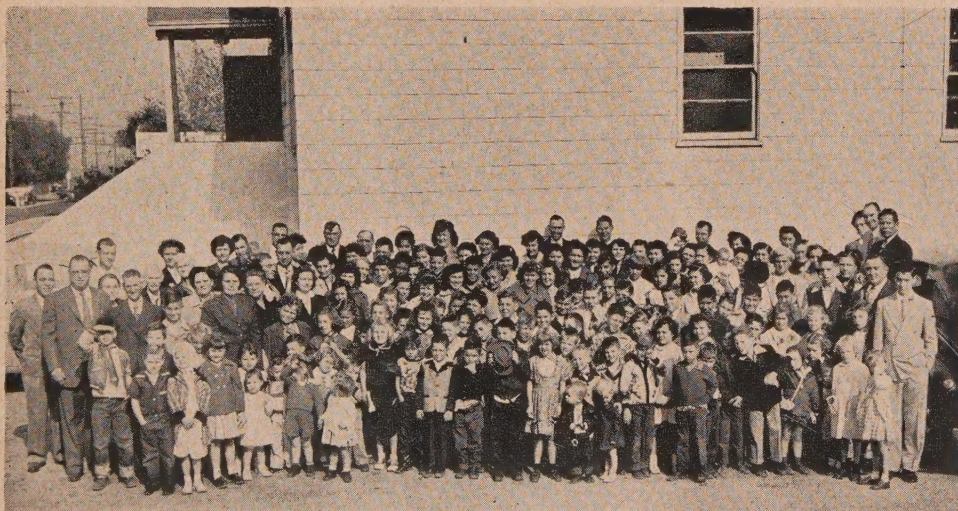
God has never put anyone in a place too small to grow.

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There would be more power in our praying if there were more cheer in our giving.

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You don't get a sheepskin in the school of experience; you just have your own removed.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AT PITTSBURG'S BELLA VISTA ASSEMBLY was 251 the day the above picture was taken. At extreme left are shown Tommy Blevin, the superintendent, and Pastor George Clements. The church is located at Bellamonte and Jefferson Streets.

Missions



MAURICE H. LUCE is shown with the children who attend his Happy Valley Christian School in Pago Pago, Samoa. Brother Luce is now on furlough here in Northern California.



YOUNG SAMOANS STUDY FOR MINISTRY to their own people in a school started by Maurice H. Luce. Brother and Sister Luce are shown at the right in front row. Sister Luce is due to arrive from Samoa on the next ship from the islands.

Comparative Report of S. S. Progress for 1951 - 1952

	1951	1952
Number of schools who have conducted Workers' Conferences	159	174
Number of conferences conducted	1,095	1,288
Number of schools who have conducted Workers' Training Courses	65	131
Number of certificates issued	802	2,352
Souls won through the ministry of the Sunday school	2,780	3,017
Increase in average attendance	1,245	1,544
Number of schools who have a Cradle Roll Department	134	153
Enrollment of Extension Department	2,287	2,417
Number of schools who have an Extension Department	50	58
Enrollment of Extension Department	481	622
<i>Classification of Schools</i>		
Gold Crown	23	39
Silver Crown	14	35
Blue Crown	63	61
Co-operative	145	88
Average grade per school	66	71

Our schools are classified according to the grades they receive on the National Sunday School Standard. Classifications are named as follows:
Gold Crown school — grade 90 to 100
Silver Crown school — grade 80 to 89
Blue Crown school — grade 70 to 79
Co-operative school — grade below 70

The First Miracle

"This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Canaan, of Galilee and manifested forth his glory." John 2:11

Jesus wrought miracles for two reasons: To authenticate His divinity, and to show, by His treatment of material maladies, His way of dealing with spiritual maladies. This miracle is first for a reason: It sounds the keynote of Christ's ministry.

It was wrought at a wedding

This denotes the difference between John's ministry and Christ's ministry, between the Old Dispensation, of Law, and the New, of Love. The former began with the terrors of Sinai; the latter with the star of Bethlehem, and the song of the angels. Moses' first miracle was to change water into blood; Christ's to change water into wine at the marriage feast.

Not wrought until all supplies were exhausted.

So the gospel did not come to the world until all human means, the resources of culture and of philosophy, were proven vain. So Christ does not come to the sinner until he feels his supreme need of Him.

The employment of Human Agencies.

What man can do, man must do.

Giving the best at the last.

The world gives its best first. God's grace grows through all eternity. The man of the world looks longingly backward to his boyhood. The Christian looks longingly forward. The deathbed of the righteous is the happiest spot on earth. Not that God removes sorrow from His children. Grief is not sin. But He sanctifies the sorrow, and makes it a source of joy.

—Homiletic Monthly

Would'st thou inherit life with Christ on high?

Then count the cost and know
That here on earth below

Thou needs must suffer with the Lord, and die.

We reach that gain, to which all else is lost,

But through the cross!

—Simon Dach.



ON THEIR WAY TO EL SALVADOR, Brother and Sister Arthur Lindvall and family, Stephen, Stanley, Alan, and Karen, are shown as they, with Eunice Lindvall, stopped by Bethany Park to say goodbye as they left for Texas. They drove Eunice's car to Corpus Christi, where the ladies and the children remained while Brother Lindvall went to Michigan to get a new car, which they drove through Mexico to El Salvador. Eunice Lindvall accompanied her brother and family as they returned to their station at the Bible School in Santa Ana in the Central American country. After a three-months' visit in El Salvador, attending conferences and helping in children's work, she will return to the States and go East for evangelistic meetings.

Here and There

CENTERVILLE—Brother H. H. Burgess, after serving the church for the past eight years, has resigned as pastor in order to go to Southern California to join Sister Burgess, whose health has kept her in that part of the state for quite some time. The new pastor is C. L. Paasch, who comes to us from the Oklahoma District.

CHOWCHILLA—In mid-January, Pastor H. J. Hays reported: "We just closed a grand meeting with Evangelist Buddy Chambers and Otho Allen of Oklahoma. Twenty-three received the baptism in the Holy Ghost and 50 were saved and brought to the Lord. For all this we are praising God. During the revival our Sunday school attendance reached 351."

CLOVERDALE—Pastor Mack Lancaster writes: "We moved into our new church January 4 with 62 in Sunday school that opening day. We were two and a half months putting up our building, which is 36 feet wide and 65 feet long, and has five Sunday school rooms. The auditorium is 36 x 40 feet. Souls are being saved and our church is growing. We started holding services 20 months ago in the living room of an old house. This we did for ten months, and then we moved into the Methodist Church, which we used for four months, having Sunday school in the afternoons. From there we moved into a tent, which we used for six months. Now we are in our new church, located at the west end of Second Street, and thanking God for what He is doing here in Cloverdale."

EL CERRITO — Beginning right after Christmas, the Evangelaire, evangelistic party made up of Earl and Hazel Gould, Eddie Kramer, and Stephen Asmuth, held a very good revival for three weeks in January with Pastor E. Wm. Anderson.

ELKO—Brother Travis F. Baker has resigned to accept the church in Hawthorne, Nevada.

FORTUNA—The end of December, Pastor Lyle W. Corsaw reported: "The Fortuna Assembly recently closed a good four-weeks revival with Evangelist Earl Henderson. Some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and others found the Lord as their Saviour. The whole church was greatly benefited."

GONZALES—The new assembly in Gonzales is now being served by Pastor Hartzell H. Morrow.

HALF MOON BAY—Edward V. Huson, who left the pastorate last summer for a short time, remained in Washington, where he has been holding meetings in different assemblies. Bernhard Johnson, Jr., a 1952 graduate of Central Bible Institute, and brother-in-law of Brother Huson, supplied the pulpit for a time and then was chosen to be the regular pastor.

HAWTHORNE—The new pastor is Tra-

vis F. Baker, formerly pastor in Elko. He succeeds Brother C. C. Anderson.

HERLONG—Brother J. Steven Bass has been chosen to be the new pastor, succeeding Brother J. L. McClintic. The Sunday school has grown so much that they want to build new accommodations this year, a new church for a growing school and congregation.

HIGHWAY CITY—In November a Sunday school workers' training course was held there, with neighbor assemblies participating: Biola, Pastor Roy George; South Madera, Pastor T. F. Lee; Friant, Pastor W. M. Webb; Pinedale, Pastor E. G. Kennedy. Brother N. B. Rayburn of Henryetta, Oklahoma, conducted the training classes. The pastor of the Highway City Assembly (near Fresno) is A. M. Redding.

HOOPA—Pastor C. F. Rowe, who has served the church for many years has resigned and has settled in Orleans, another community in Humboldt County, on the Klamath River. Sisters Gertrude Riecke and Mildred Charles, who have had long experience in ministering to the Indian people, are the new pastors.

KLAMATH—Pastor N. R. Ingram reports having a good meeting for five days early in December with the Harold evangelistic party.

LIVE OAK—Pastor J. A. Rogers reports: "We just closed a three-weeks meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. C. W. Oney of Chillicothe, Mo. Several were saved, some were filled with the Holy Ghost, and a number was refilled. The last Sunday of the revival the Sunday school attendance reached 212, the largest in almost three years. We hope to begin a building program in the near future, for we surely are in need of more accommodations."

MODESTO (Bethel)—Evangelist Carolyn Lindblad began a revival campaign January 11 for Pastor Donald G. Weston.

MONTAGUE—Sister Rosemary Murphy, who has carried on the work alone the past year, since Sister Tussey left for the East, has resigned as pastor. The new pastor is Leonard Couchman, who, since graduating from G.T.B.I., has been young people's leader in Glad Tidings in San Francisco.

OAKLAND (First Church)—Evangelists Ross and Iverna Lamb held a campaign for Pastor F. A. Sturgeon in January.

ORLAND—Brother Ray Parks has resigned the pastorate to accept the call to return to the assembly in Paradise.

PARADISE—Brother Floyd L. Smith has resigned as pastor and is succeeded by Brother Ray Parks, a former pastor there.

PITTSBURG—Pastor J. L. Jeffrey reports: "We had Brother and Sister Thomas Ming, Sr., with us for three weeks, and the revival continues; souls have been filled with the Holy Ghost every Sunday night

since the revival. Our Sunday night crowds have doubled in the last five months."

REDDING—Evangelist Floyd R. Hoole began a revival campaign with Pastor Harold D. Byram on January 20, the meetings to run to February 1.

RIO DELL—Brother Walter L. Trumbo has resigned as pastor. Brother B. H. Givens, who has been in evangelistic work since leaving the Delhi assembly, has been chosen as the new pastor.

SALIDA—The North San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there January 5. The afternoon gathering was a ministers' get-together. Pastor Ernest Adams of Modesto Airport Assembly was the speaker in the evening service. The pastor in Salida is Dan Robinson.

SALINAS (Alisal)—Evangelist Floyd R. Hoole held a very good campaign for Pastor Louis E. Weston from January 4 to 18.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings) — Evangelist Louise Nankivell of Chicago began a campaign in the temple January 18 for Pastor L. R. Keys.

SARATOGA—Brother C. E. Watkins of Los Altos has rented the IOOF Hall, on Oak Street just off the Santa Cruz highway, and started holding gospel services there January 4. He has started a Sunday school and has morning and evening services on Sunday.

SEASIDE — Brother Carroll J. Hodges has resigned as pastor. He has served the church there for many years.

SEBASTOPOL—The North Bay fellowship meeting was held in Sebastopol on December 15. In the afternoon service the matter of Evangelism was discussed, six ministers each presenting different aspects of the subject. The speakers were: Pastor George Effman of Healdsburg; A. J. Morrison, missionary on furlough from Hawaii; L. W. Suter, District S. S. Director; Pastor E. W. Skultety of Petaluma; P. E. Robertson, who has spent many years in hospital and jail evangelism; and Pastor W. E. Kern of Benicia. Pastor Manuel B. Sequeira of the Portuguese Assembly in Berkeley was the speaker for the evening evangelistic rally. A fellowship dinner was served by the ladies of the local church. The pastor in Sebastopol is P. R. Ford.

SOMES BAR—Pastor Gertrude Riecke has resigned to go to the Indian church at Hoopa.

SOQUEL—To carry on the revival meetings, which had run for two weeks prior to the Christmas season, Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence R. Peterson held two more weeks of special meetings early in January for Pastor Elizabeth Richardson.

SUNNYVALE—The First Assembly of God has chosen Edward R. Gomes for its pastor. Brother Gomes served as interim pastor since the departure of the former pastor, Brother Mark Hinman, for the East to his new post of duty. Brother Gomes, a former Sunnyvale boy, is now pastoring his old home church.

TURLOCK—Bethel Temple now has an active Spanish work, which has its regular

meetings in the church each Sunday at 6:30 p.m. The outgrowth of visitation and open air work in the camps of Mexican nationals brought in as crop workers, this work is ministered to by missionaries home on furlough from South America, Brother and Sister Walter Erickson having a large share of this ministry. The pastor of Bethel Temple is Robert Carrington.

UKIAE—Evangelist Floyd Hoole began a campaign with Pastor J. R. Edgar on February 15.

VACAVILLE—The North Bay fellowship meeting was held there January 19. Scheduled to speak briefly in the afternoon service on "The Fruit of the Spirit" were: Pastor L. R. Anderson, of Santa Rosa; Pastor P. R. Ford of Sebastopol; Pastor George Hunter of Guerneville; Pastor Myrtle Hynning of Calistoga; Pastor James Durkin of Fairfield; Pastor Lester Fox of Napa; Pastor Clarence Arnold of St. Helena; Pastor Charles Hartman of Novato, and Pastor Roy Whitt of Vallejo. The ladies of the church served a fellowship dinner between the services. Brother Walter Trumbo, formerly of Rio Dell, was the speaker in the evening evangelistic service. The pastor in Vacaville is Melvin Steward.

WATSONVILLE (Monte Vista Christian School)—The school chapel was the gathering place for the Coast Counties fellowship meeting held January 12. The afternoon speaker was Evangelist Floyd Hoole, then holding meetings in Salinas. Sister June Garrard of Mountain View was the speaker for the evening service, which was a C. A. rally, the fellowship meeting being held on the regular rally night. The school served a fellowship dinner to all the guests present between the services. The pastor of the regular assembly which is in operation at MVSC is R. P. Price, the founder and head of the school.

WEOTT—Pastor V. T. Eldridge reports: "The church enjoyed two weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist Z. P. Miller in November."

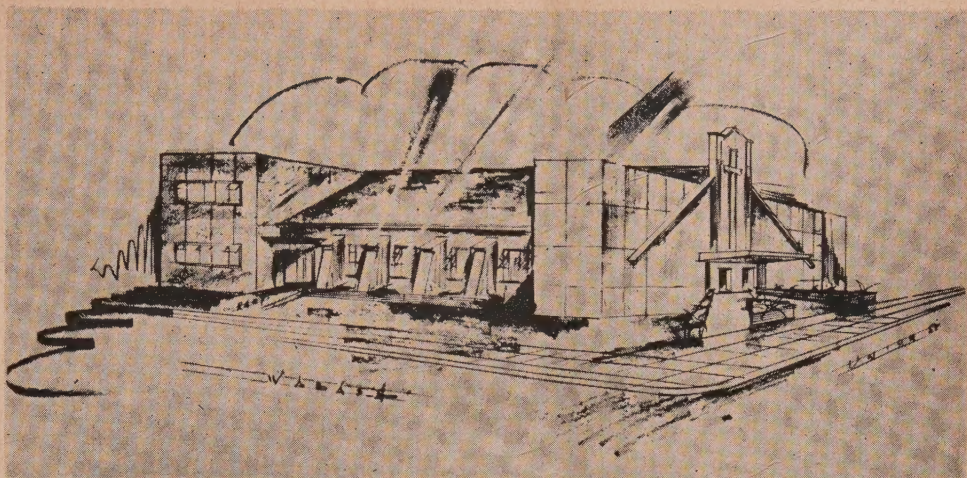
New Arrivals

Jonathann Phillip, their first child, arrived November 17 to gladden the home of the Phil Lindvalls, who are now pastoring the church in Calexico, Calif., down near the Mexican border.

Pastor and Mrs. E. R. Gomes are the happy parents of a new daughter, their third. Little Marlene Kay arrived December 27, 1952, to live at the parsonage in Sunnyvale.

Pastor and Mrs. William E. Pickthorn of Palo Alto welcomed their second daughter on December 8. The little girl will answer to the name of Janet.

Edward L. Klinsky, Jr., arrived December 30, joining his three sisters in the family circle. Brother and Sister Klinsky are making their home in West Sacramento at present.



THE NEW CHURCH IN EUREKA will look like the artist's drawing shown above when construction, now under way, is completed. In addition to the building program, the congregation has recently purchased a bus for the Sunday school. The pastor is R. L. Neal.

Personal Mention

Evangelist **STANLEY MacPHERSON**, back from an evangelistic trip to Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica, held meetings in Carlsbad, New Mexico in January. At the conclusion of the latter meetings, he and Mrs. MacPherson are scheduled to go to Southern California to hold a campaign in Santa Ana.

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Brother **DON SCHUTZLER**, who, following his graduation from GTBI in 1951, served as assistant pastor to Brother Leonard Weston in Pacific Grove, is now pastor of the assembly in Canby, Oregon.

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Brother **WALTER D. CLONTS**, who has been pastoring a church in Oklahoma for nearly two years, since he left Bethany Park as its caretaker, having been at the grounds for more than two years, has returned to California. He and Mrs. Clonts and their two daughters are now living in Gardena, near Los Angeles.

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Evangelist **H. T. LANGLEY** is open for meetings in the District. His present mailing address is 1313 Giahos Ave., Modesto. Phone Modesto 2-4296.

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Sister **RHILES A. FOWLER**, on furlough from missionary service in Brazil, is open for meetings in the churches. Before she went to South America, she made her home in Oakland. Her present address is 2 Franciscan Way, Berkeley. Phone LAndscape 5-9120.

WILL SELL OR TRADE

Beautiful home in the Santa Cruz mountains, in Bethany Park. Five rooms and bath, many built-ins, snack bar, new electric 40-gal. table-top water heater. Electric heat in wall. Attached garage. Write C. R. Peterson, 280 Bethany Drive, Route 1, Santa Cruz.

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill.
When funds are low and debts are high
And you want to smile but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit
Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns.
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out,
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.



UPPER: Evangelist Stanley MacPherson, right, with his interpreter, Pastor Luis Otero, editor of the Assemblies magazine in Puerto Rico, is shown as he spoke in a service in Humacao, P. R.
LOWER: Group of children in Darliston, Jamaica, holding up Gospels just given them by Stanley MacPherson. Brother MacPherson has made several trips to the West Indies to take the gospel message to people in many parts of the islands.

Women's Missionary Council Work Is for Others

National W. M. C. Day Is February 15

Sometimes it is good to review the past and take inventory of ourselves as did the Psalmist in the 73rd Psalm. Before he had a clean heart and knew that *"truly God is good,"* his feet were almost gone, his steps had well nigh slipped. He was envious when he saw the prosperity of the wicked for there seemed to be great injustice, *until* he went into the sanctuary of God; *then* he understood the meaning of it all. When the divine awakening came, what a change was wrought! No more discouragement! No more envy, no more murmuring at apparent injustice, no more despondency! Instead, there was the assurance of the Divine Presence, *"Thou hast holden me by Thy right hand. Thou shalt guide me by Thy counsel,"* he says, and love, worship and trust fill his heart as he continues, *"My flesh and my heart fail-eth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever."*

When one's vision is only of self there is no desire to do anything for others.

NOTICE

ANNUAL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL meeting, Tuesday, February 24, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Full Gospel Temple, Richmond, Calif. All Christian workers and missionaries are especially invited to attend so you can meet the WMC's. Special business meeting of Sectional Directors at 1:30 p.m.

but when God comes into the heart, instead of a horizon cluttered with selfish desires, the whole world comes into view with all of its great need for love and compassion and into the heart comes the desire to give as He gave. Our Lord went about doing good, bringing comfort and blessing, lending a helping hand.

"What your hands find to do, do it with thy might." As you look back over the past year, do you feel you have done your best, as an individual and as a group? Of course, it could always be better if the group were larger and if more took an interest, but did you make good use of what you had on hand? We must not be discouraged with a small result if it is our best, because when all the small reports are put together, there will be a big report. We must make the best use of the little we have at hand, for with God it can be much, for He will multiply it to meet the need even as the boy's lunch made a great banquet and fed the multitude. The secret the Psalmist learned was to lean heavy on

the Lord and trust Him in spite of circumstances and what he saw in the natural.

One time when David and his men were hiding from the armies of Saul they were hungry and called upon a wealthy farmer in Carmel to give of his plenty to help them over this trying time. They could have taken what they wanted, but David sent men to Nabal, who refused to give help because his desires were for himself only. His wife, Abigail, however, had compassion on the hungry men and carried meat, fruit and bread to them and her reward was great. The time came when God smote Nabal and he died and it was Abigail's privilege to become the bride of David, the King. There is a time coming when the heavenly bridegroom will call His bride and there will be a great wedding feast!

The WMC is the heart of the church, with missions at heart. Let us open our eyes to the need—our horizon takes in the world—whether it is across the sea or right next door—whether it is a hungry heart or a hungry stomach, a naked soul or a destitute family. The time will come when He will say, *"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."* Our faithful Christian workers on the battle front and in the harvest field appreciate our standing by with prayer and gifts upholding their arms till victory comes!

—Mrs. R. J. Thurmond.



MRS. FERNE MURRAY of Santa Cruz, in the absence of Sister Minogue, who has been in North Dakota since early 1952, has served as secretary-treasurer of the District WMC all of the past year. Her good and faithful work is appreciated very much.

The Test of Words

"Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth." Judges 12:6.

The best we can do naturally is not enough to insure our salvation. The men of Ephraim tried to meet the test given by their opponents, and failed. With many today the gospel of culture is substituted for the gospel of Christ. Performing good works when God demands first the surrender of the will. The highest possibilities of our lives cannot take the place of the regenerated heart.

We are to be judged by our words. The word spoken, "Sibboleth," proved them Ephraimites. We show where our interest is by what we speak. Blasphemies, lies, slanderous gossip, all prove us in the wrong place spiritually. Even the idle word is recorded, and will meet us at the judgment. (Matt. 12:36).

We speak before a recording machine, and are surprised to find all we have uttered recorded by it. When Christ shall judge us, the words we have spoken today, full of triviality and nonsensical phrases, will be brought before us. Weigh words before speaking them, for they are more precious and lasting than gold dust.

The truth cannot be hidden. Before the test of the text was given, they had denied themselves. Ephraimites, their lie was now found out. We find Saul trying to prove himself faithful to God's command when Samuel came to him, but the bleating of the sheep and lowing of the herd proved his falsity. We cannot keep secrets from God. In the world of matter, physical laws, like those of gravitation, fluidity, or the first law of motion, inertia, are said to be immutable. So, in the spiritual world, a changeless law, which is revealed, is this: all truth must finally triumph; all that is false and hypocritical must be known. *"Be not deceived: God is not mocked."*

Small things decide destiny. But one letter was left out of the word given in response to the challenge of Gilead. There is a courthouse, it is said, in one of our Western states, on a hill; raindrops falling on one side of its roof are carried to the St. Lawrence, thence into the North Atlantic ocean; falling on the other side, it is soon in the current of the mighty Mississippi, and flows into the Gulf of Mexico. A faint breath of air determines the course of the water three thousand miles. So with the soul. A word of invitation, of warning; a cordial pressure of the hand, and a soul's eternity is decided.

The answer of Ephraim was decisive; no quarter was given; the warriors were slain at their ford.

God gives many opportunities; but some time—it may be now—the matter will be forever settled.

Homiletic Monthly

Along Life's Road

Along life's road, I've noticed this,
The grandest sights we often miss,
We fail to see the lovely things
And miss the joy that seeing brings;
The flowers that bloom along the way,
The setting sun at close of day,
The mountains, valleys, streams and trees—
We seem to miss the sight of these.

God left it all to us, I guess,
To help ourselves to happiness;
And yet we grumble and complain
Of too much drought or too much rain,
Of too much heat or too much cold,
All through our lives, until we're old,
We kick and growl and fret and fuss,
And all is wrong that's given us.

The way to live, it seems to me,
Is just to try our best to see
The pleasant side of everything;
Instead of grumbling, try to sing
A song of praise and thankfulness,
For all that's ours of happiness,
And pay the Lord a compliment
For all the blessings He has sent.

—F. C. Nelson

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JUST THE SAME TODAY

When Moses and his people
From Egypt's land did flee,
Their enemies behind them,
And in front of them the sea,
God raised the waters like a wall
And opened up the way,
And the God that lived in Moses' time
Is just the same today.

When David and Goliath met,
The wrong against the right—
The giant armed with human power
And David with God's might;
God's power with David's sling and stone
The giant low did lay,
And the God that lived in David's time
Is just the same today.

When Pentecost had fully come,
And the fire from Heaven did fall,
As a mighty wind the Holy Ghost
Baptized them one and all,
Three thousand got converted,
And were workers right away
And the God that lived at Pentecost,
Is just the same today.

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A Testimony

"That old lady," said a newly-converted man, pointing to an aged saint of God sitting in her pew, "did more to make me turn to God than any preacher's sermon. For years I have seen her pass my home each Wednesday evening on her way to the church prayer meeting. I always knew where she was going. Sometimes I felt downright uncomfortable just seeing her walk slowly by. Such faithfulness, I reasoned, proved that there is something in religion after all. Now I know there is. I thank God for her faithfulness."

Men of God

By Kenneth Roper
(President of G.T.B.I. student body)

If we desire to be men of power with God there are a few things that we must consider.

Do we try to channel God? Do we insist that men must become subject to our legalism before we will recognize that God is working through them? We cannot judge as to who is to receive what from God. We cannot confine God to our own ministry, refusing to honor and love the brethren of separate and distinct ministries from our own. We must not forget that the legalistic vail was rent at the time of the crucifixion and that the gifts and callings of God are to whosoever will. On the Day of Pentecost "they were all of one accord in one place."

Would we limit His scope of love? Do we become perturbed if Jesus takes a journey into Samaria and bestows His goodness to someone out of our ranks? He called Himself the Son of Man. God is no respecter of persons and will have complete freedom among the ranks of His children.

Are we becoming learners only and not disciples who follow our Lord? Let us be careful that we do not become more concerned over the vindication of a doctrinal issue than we are with the saving of the souls of men. In becoming educated in theological arguments and ecclesiastical organization, let us not forget how to be disciples of Christ. Do we love the things that He loved and hate the things that He hated? Does the great commission ring within our hearts as we lie upon our beds of complacency. The Great Commission should mean more to us than just a portion of Scripture to defend our views of conversion and baptism. It should be a command that stirs our hearts so that we cannot rest until we have done our

part in taking the gospel of Christ to a dark and dying world.

Have we forgotten that men of power with God are and were men who loved Him and had no love for the world? God says, "Son, give me thine heart." This does not mean that He wishes us to take a knife and sever the flesh and take out a muscular pump that circulates blood through our veins, but He wants us to give Him our entire being. Our thoughts, our desires, our talents, our time, and most of all, our love should be given over completely to Him. For us to be men of God, there must of necessity be no love within us for worldly gain. If any man love the things of the world, then the love of the Father is not in him. Our hearts and our treasures abide in the same place.

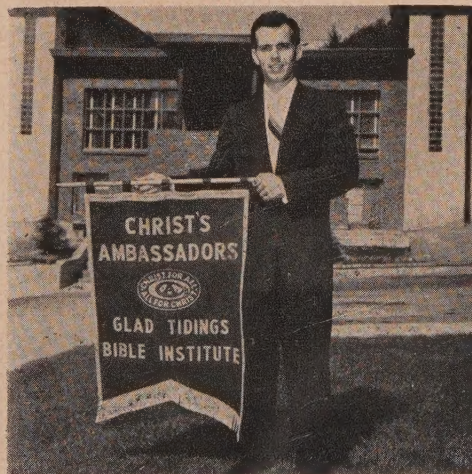
Are we strangers to His voice? Would we be like the wise and discerning Elijah and wait for His voice, or would we jump on the bandwagon at the first sound of the earthquake, the fire, or the wind? We must learn to wait and listen, and then after we have heard we can arise and follow His voice.

Preachers are not turned out on production-line method like automobiles. Institutes, colleges, seminaries, denominations will never in themselves produce preachers of the living Word; a man must get alone with God and learn to know Him.

Let it be remembered that God's men are men who know Him as a God of infinite unrestricted love. They are men who know and realize that God does not confine Himself to a certain race or denomination. God's men follow Him and let the arguments of the intellectual go unanswered, knowing that they only gender strife. They are men who are more concerned with their neighbor than with themselves. They are men who have not been so occupied with mundane things that they have neglected to spend much time alone with God. They are men of faith and not of fear. Opposition from men drives them to serve God more fervently. The world's persecution of God's people opens a door of power for them.

Our souls must reach out for Apostolic power, and let us not be blinded by the memories of yesterday. The church is ready for something. It can be felt in the air as the coming rain can be sensed. There is a sense of stillness. Sailors know that there is always a calm before the storm.

D. L. Moody said something like this: I know that I have told you nothing new, but have only exhorted you to do the thing that you already know to do.



KENNETH ROPER is GTBI student body president.

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